

KATHERINE BANKS MCBRIDE

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EXPERIENCE

Pulse Beat Music

Chicago, IL

Performing Arts Teacher, St. Therese Chinese Catholic School 2012-present

- Teach drama, dance, and music to 300 students in preschool through 8th grade
- Create and direct several school wide performances including a Christmas concert, a Chinese New Year celebration, and a student talent show
- Act as a liaison between the school and all after-school arts teachers

Dance Teacher, Abbott Elementary School

2012

- Taught modern dance to kindergarten and first grade students in tandem with a drum teacher
- Used choreography, as well as improvised movement, to teach students about the basic elements of dance

The Viola Project

Chicago, IL

Lead Teacher

2012-present

- Plan and implement Shakespeare-centered acting workshops for middle school girls
- Create curricula which fosters leadership, creativity, co-operation and confidence
- Promote an understanding of Shakespeare by placing his writings in the context of his world

Assistant Teacher

2012-present

- Support lead teacher by leading group activities to stimulate the imagination, the body, and the voice and assist in the coaching of student scenes

Oak Park Festival Theatre

Oak Park, IL

Outreach Coordinator

2005-present

- Direct and cast actors for touring Shakespeare production
- Act as a liaison between the schools, the theatre, and the booking agency
- Wrote and implemented curriculum for Shakespeare text analysis workshop for middle and high school students

Metropolis Performing Arts Centre

Arlington Heights, IL

Education Intern

2003

- Initiated a new community program, "Acting Through Life", a theatre class for senior students by making contact with local senior organizations, drafting proposals, and aiding in the development of the curriculum
- Enhanced public relations abilities by drafting the Fall 2003 class brochure and organizing the distribution of promotional materials

EDUCATION

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Performance, High Honors

2003

- Trained as a writing tutor at the Sweetland Writing Center
- Awarded two scholarships for performance and three scholarships for academic achievement, 2002-03

Oxford University, Corpus Christi College

Oxford, UK

Coursework in Arts Education & Arts Integration

Summer 2002

- Studied international teaching methods through academic writing, research, and classroom observations